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Canada will continue to consult with the US in preparation for the May WTO services meetings, according to Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade Director for Services Trade Policy Paul Robertson. Robertson, who has been in regular contact with USTR, noted the U.S. offer had been presaged in prior bilateral discussions and the Quad. Robertson said he saw no surprises, but had disseminated the talking points to working groups within the GOC and will provide us with a more detailed reaction prior to the May meetings.

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